

§ 1220.8 Tea packages and contents shall constitute a unit.

Tea packages and contents shall be treated as a unit, and no separation of tea from its covering can be allowed, for either exportation or destruction, except under the two following conditions:

(a) In cases of importations of tea containing an excessive quantity of dust and siftings, the tea may be sifted and admitted to entry if found up to the standard, and the dust and siftings may also be admitted if found up to the standard or, if no standard exists, if found up to the respective leaf standard. If not up to the standard, or respective leaf standard when no standard exists, the dust and siftings must be exported or destroyed under Government supervision.

(b) If, by reason of damage, a tea otherwise equal in quality to the standard has been rejected, the damaged portion may be removed and exported or destroyed under custom's supervision, and the sound remainder resubmitted for examination and admitted to entry if found up to the standard.

§ 1220.9 Duties of supervising tea examiner.

(a) The supervising tea examiner is charged with the immediate supervision of all matters relating to the enforcement of the Tea Importation Act, and particularly the securing of uniformity in the treatment of imported teas at all the points of examination. He is also to perform such duties in connection with tea under the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act as may be assigned to him.

(b) For the purpose of securing uniformity in the treatment of teas each tea examiner will send to the supervising tea examiner one-half pound samples of the teas rejected by him, also such other samples of teas as the supervising tea examiner may direct. To each sample a label (T. I. S. Cat. No. 2) shall be affixed.

(c) The examiner of tea at each port where a qualified tea examiner is stationed shall prepare and forward to the supervising tea examiner and to the chairman of the United States Board of Tea Appeals, as soon as practicable after the close of each month, a report

(T. I. S. Cat. No. 3), showing details as to every shipment of tea examined by the tea examiner. This information the tea examiner should compile from his report of "Teas Imported and Examined" (T. I. S. Cat. No. 4) which should always be kept up to date.

Subpart B—Shipment and Storage

§ 1220.10 Teas destined for interior ports.

Imported teas entered at an exterior port destined for immediate transportation to an interior port shall be forwarded without detention.

§ 1220.15 Warehouses for storage of tea.

(a) Warehouses for the storage of tea will be designated by the District Director of Customs and the proprietor thereof will be required to give a bond in the form prescribed (Customs Form No. 3581). Teas not stored in such designated warehouses will be placed in general order store or in public store pending examination and release on proper permit. In the absence of proper storage facilities at customhouses, teas may be retained in locked cars as constructive warehouses, under proper supervision, pending examination.

(b) The importer's premises may be designated as warehouses for the storage of tea on the filing of the bond provided for by the regulations in this part, but whenever, in the discretion of the District Director of Customs, it shall be considered desirable, a storekeeper shall be assigned to the supervision of such premises at the importer's expense while the teas shall remain under bond therein.

§ 1220.16 Method of storing in warehouse.

(a) When tea under examination is stored in any warehouse it must be so placed as to be separate from other merchandise and so as to allow convenient supervision by customs officers and officers of the Department of Health and Human Services. At ports where there are no bonded warehouses, class 2 or 3, the chief customs officer of the port will, when necessary, procure suitable premises for the temporary storage of any tea reaching his port.